

## NOOR JAHAN

Born a poor refugee, Meher was blessed with both spirit and talent. She could ride horseback and design fine clothes. She could lead armies to victory and yet be a doting wife. She could attend to the problems of a vast empire, and at the same time be blissfully happy making perfumes. Emperor Jahangir fell under her spell and aptly named her Noor Jahan, for she lit up his world with her love.

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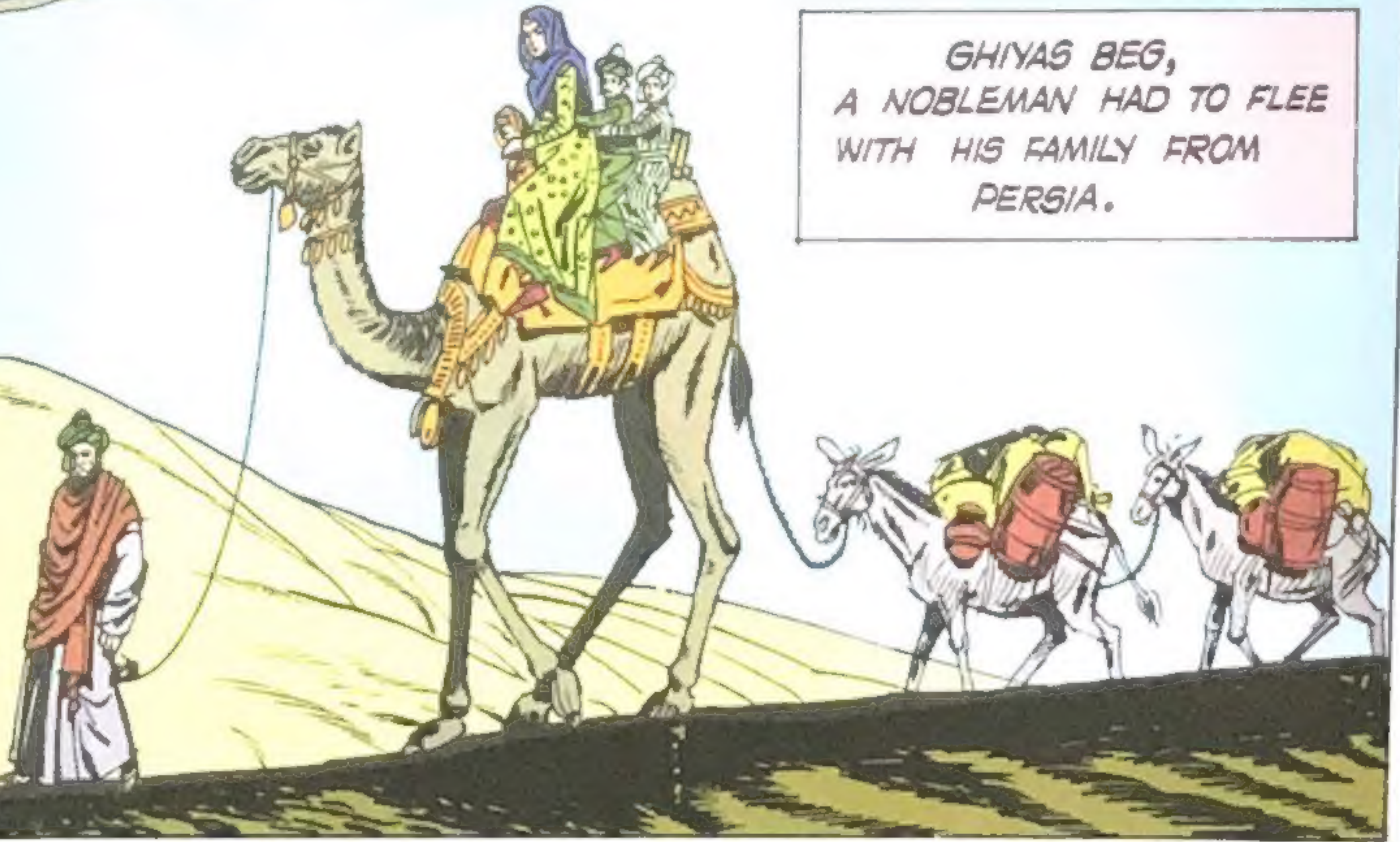


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GHIYAS BEG,  
A NOBLEMAN HAD TO FLEE  
WITH HIS FAMILY FROM  
PERSIA.

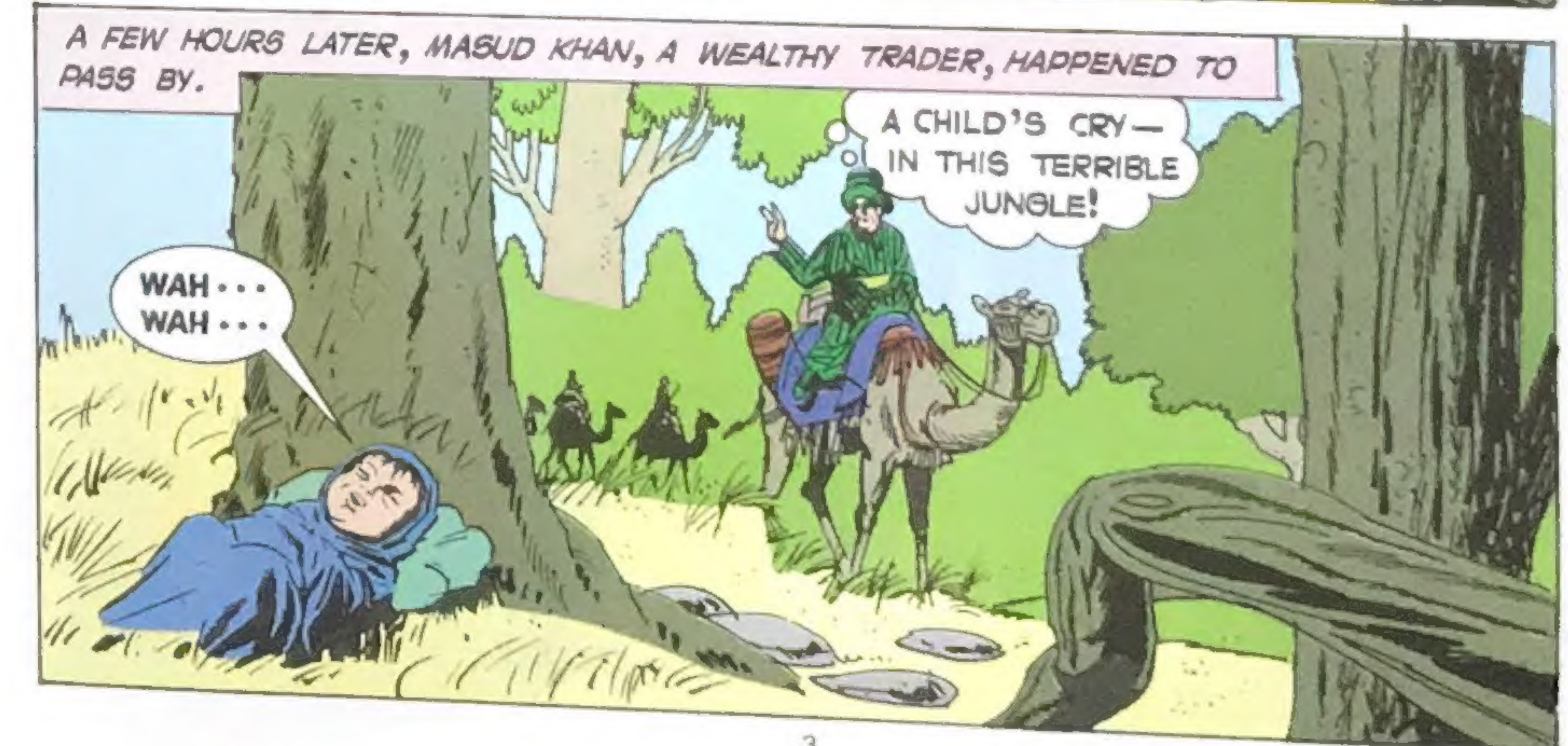
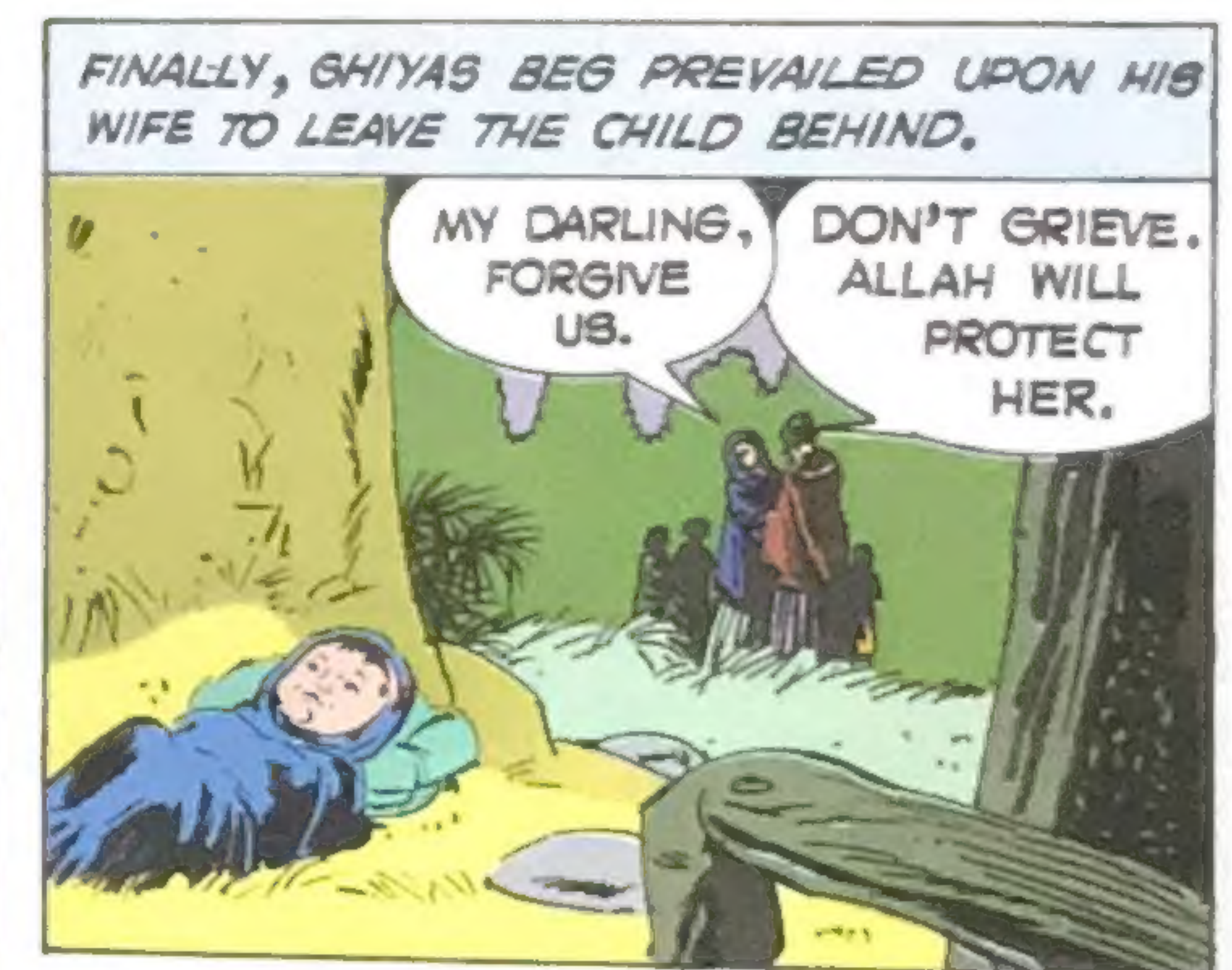
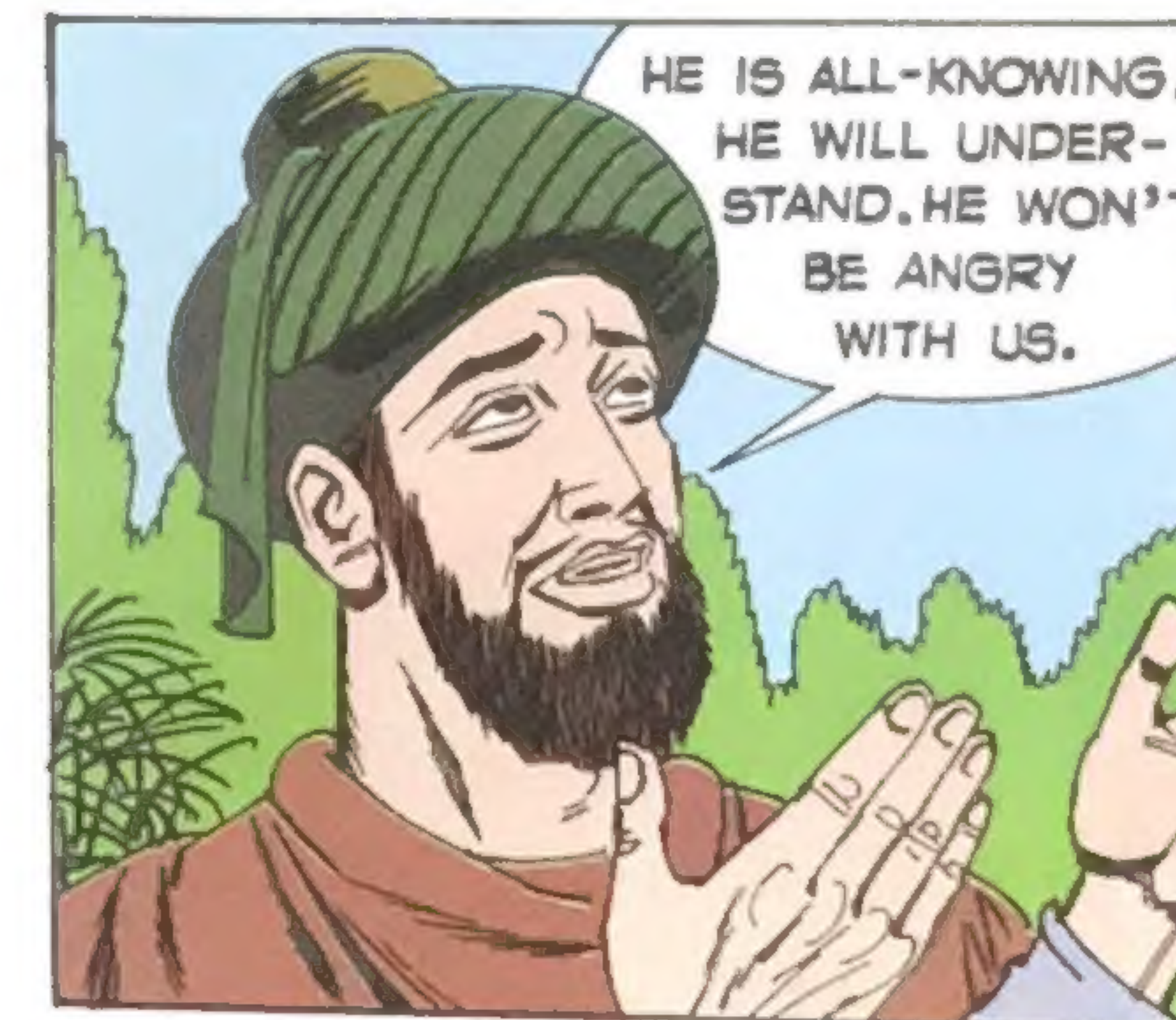


WHAT IS  
TO BECOME  
OF US?

DON'T WORRY.  
WITH THE RICHES WE  
HAVE MANAGED TO  
BRING AWAY, WE CAN  
MAKE A FRESH BEGIN-  
NING IN HINDUSTAN.















BUT WHAT GHIYAS BEG EARNED AS MANSABDAR WAS NOT SUFFICIENT TO MAINTAIN THE FAMILY. SO HIS WIFE SPENT HOURS EMBROIDERING SILKS WHILE MEHER WATCHED HER, FASCINATED.



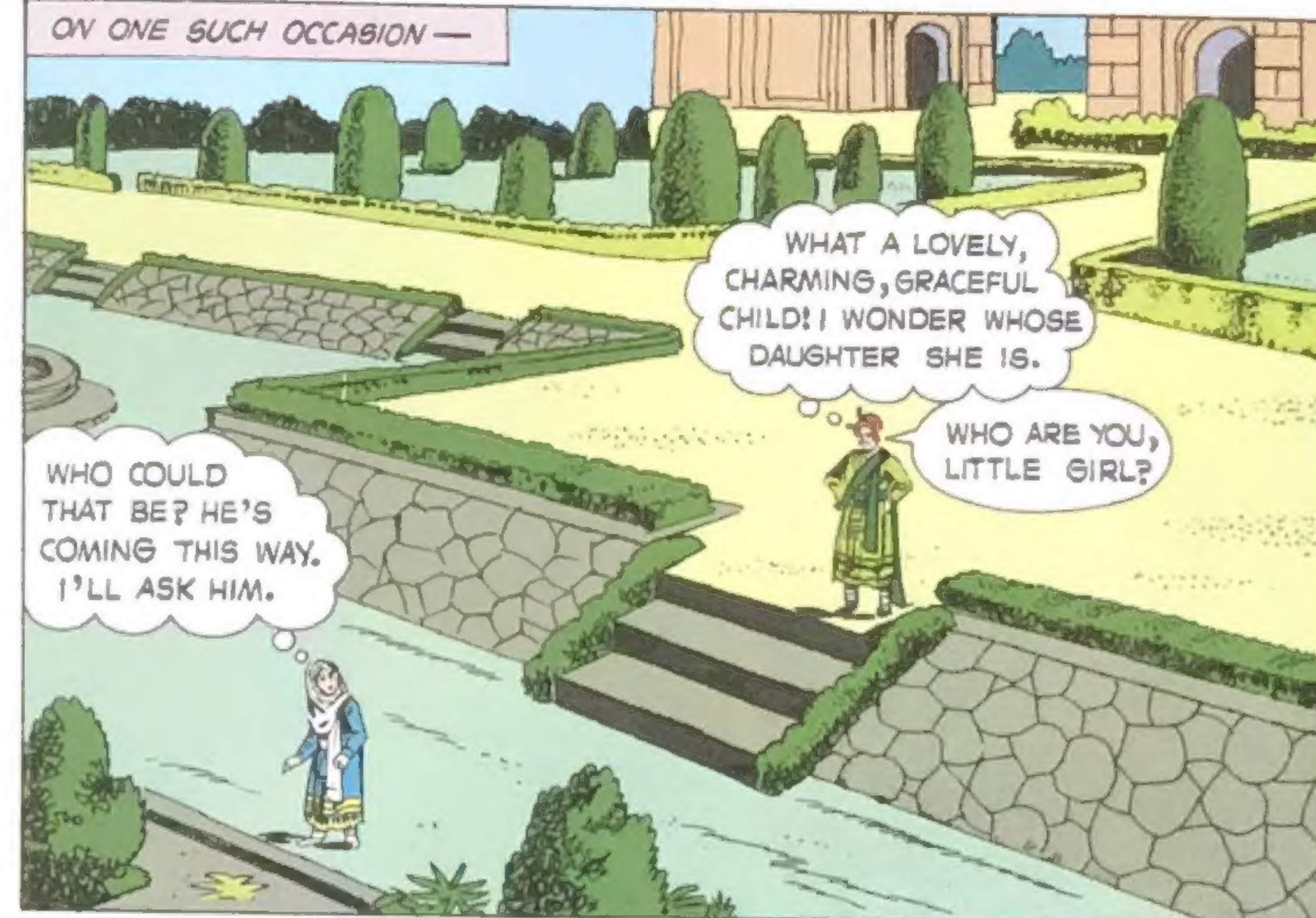
EQUALLY FASCINATED WERE THE LADIES OF THE HAREM, TO WHOM SHE SOLD THE MATERIAL.



DURING SUCH VISITS, MEHER OFTEN WENT WITH HER MOTHER TO THE PALACE.



ON ONE SUCH OCCASION —









"I WAS ENRAGED BY HER ATTITUDE AND HER CALM REPLY."



"SHE LET GO THE OTHER DOVE TOO."



SALIM GLARED AT MEHER AS HE CONCLUDED HIS TALE.

...AND YOU CALL HER POOR, LITTLE DARLING!

SALIM, MY MEHER IS A GIRL OF HIGH SPIRITS. YOU MUST FORGIVE HER.



SALIM WAS MOLLIFIED AND SUDDENLY BEGAN TAKING A GREATER INTEREST IN MEHER THAN EVER BEFORE. HE TAUGHT HER RIDING...



... AND ARCHERY.



YEARS ROLLED BY. ONE DAY—

MEHER, I LOVE YOU. WILL YOU MARRY ME?

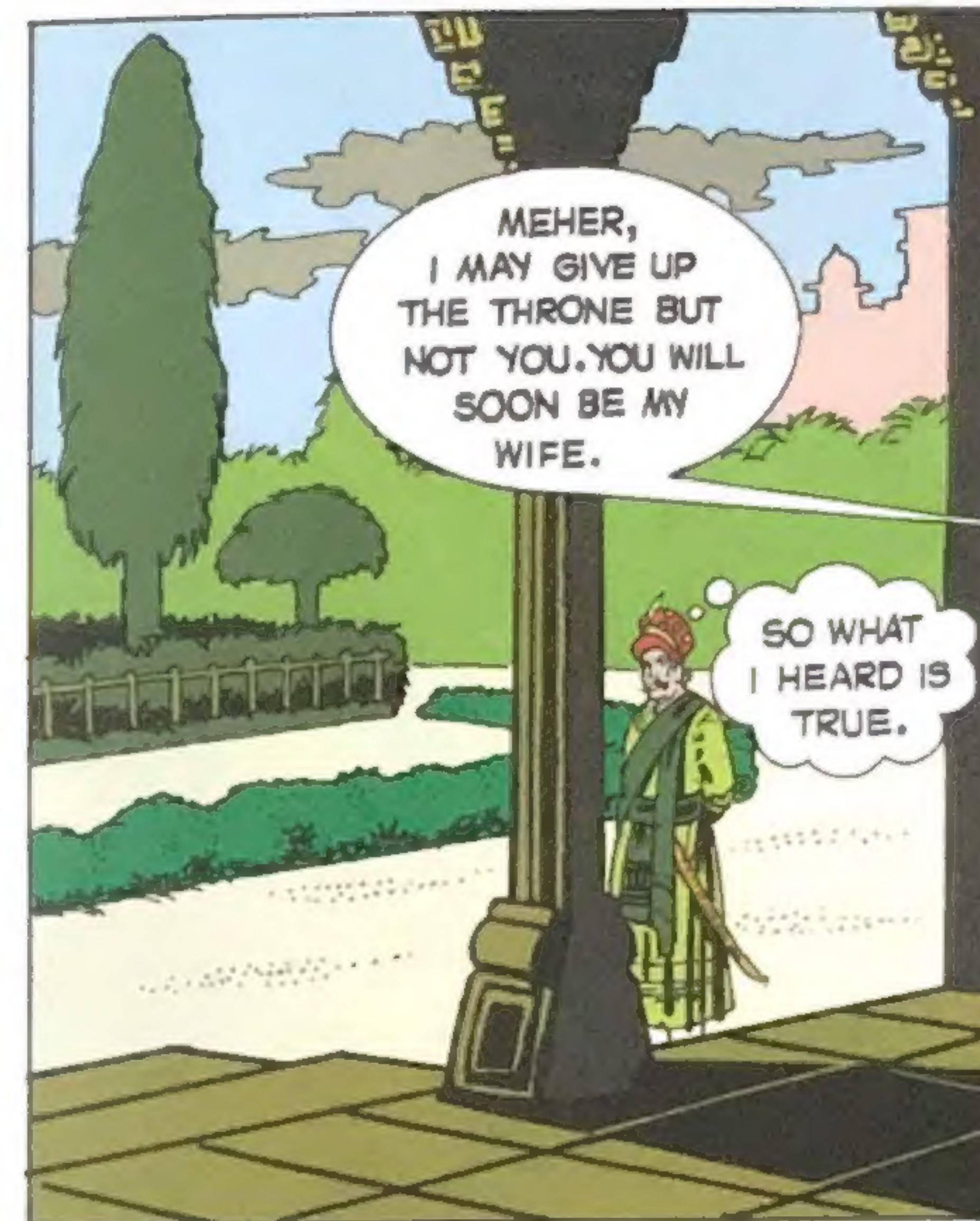
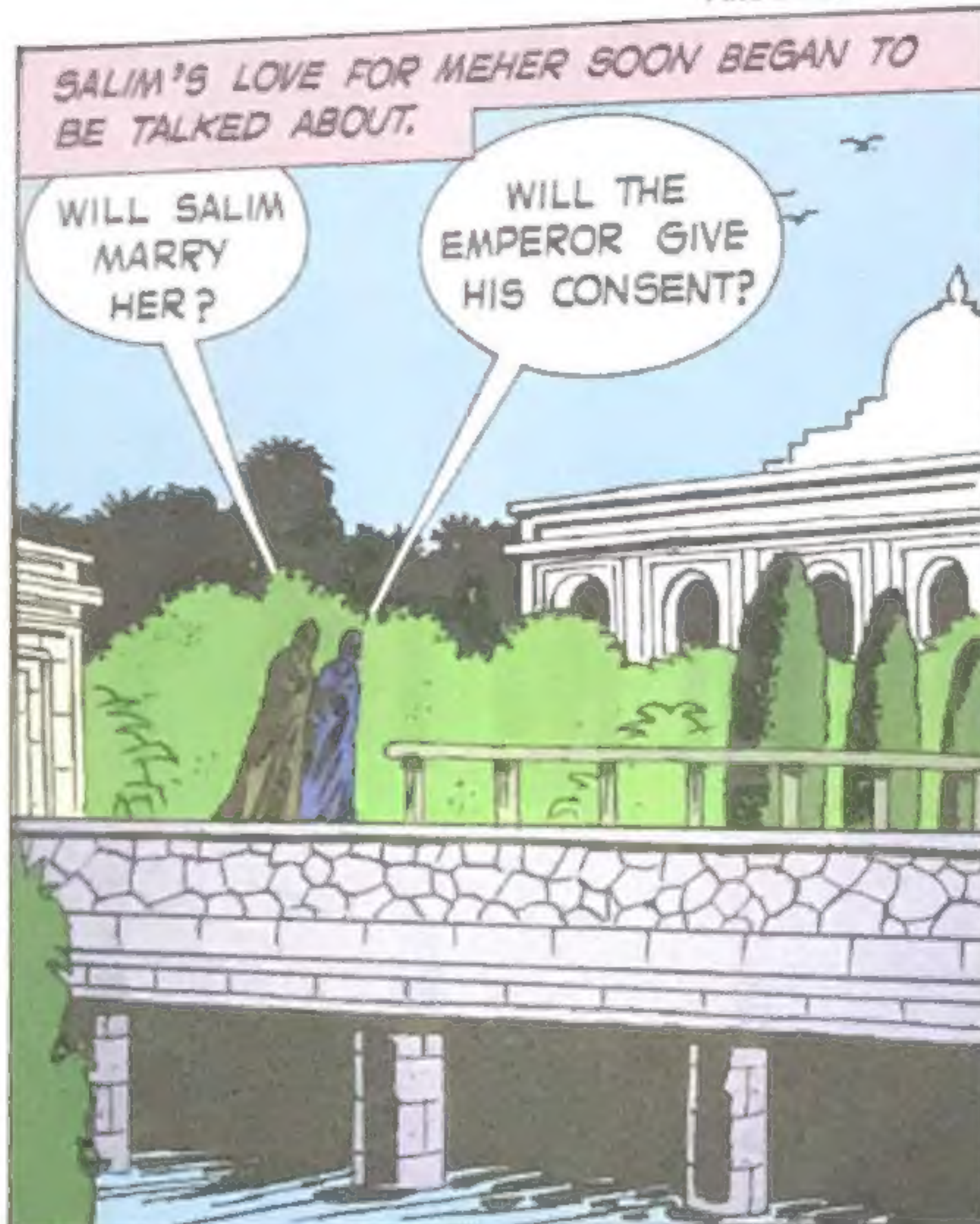


BUT HOW CAN I? YOU ARE A PRINCE. I AM...

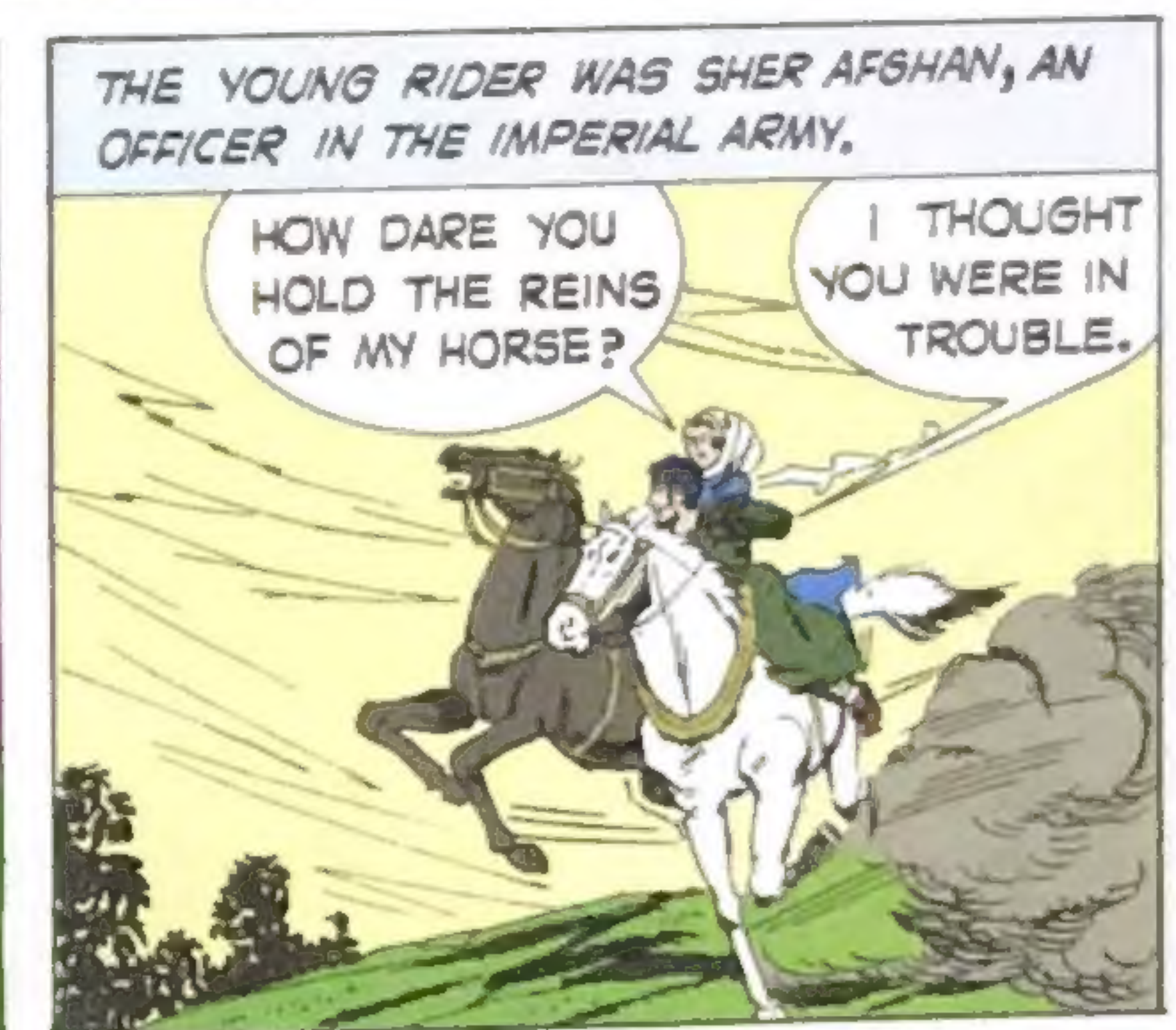
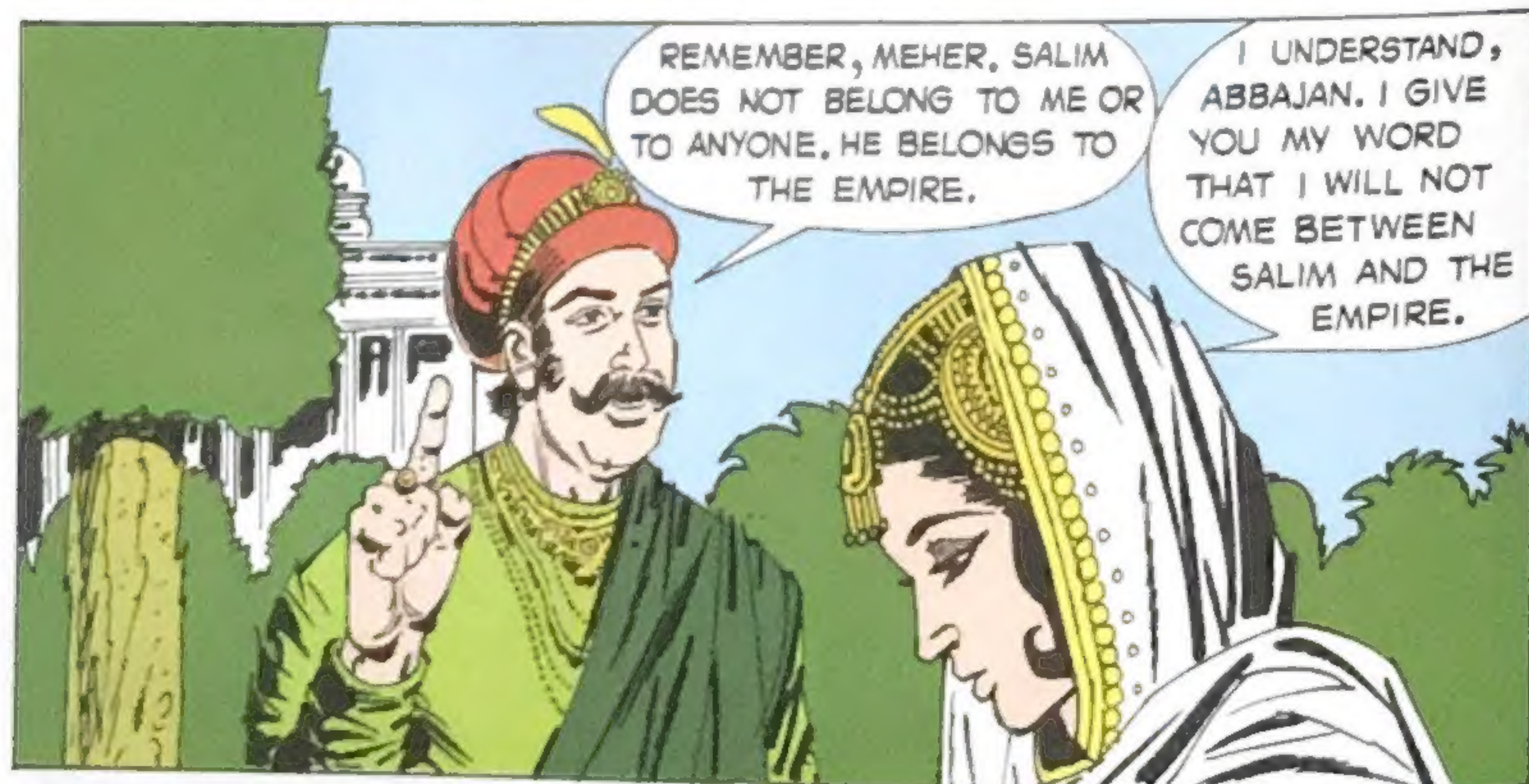
... AN ANGEL! LIGHT OF THE WORLD— OF MY WORLD!







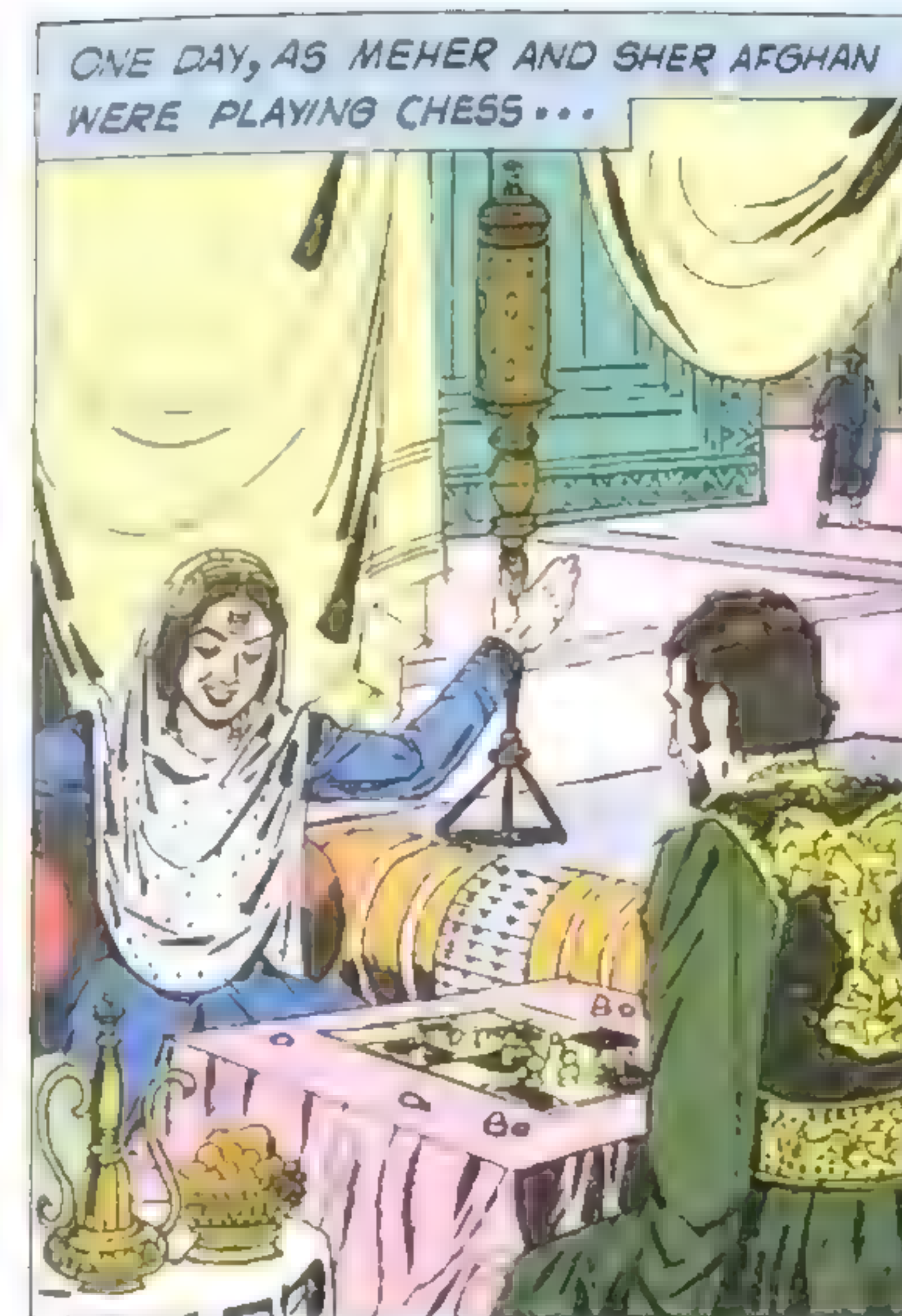
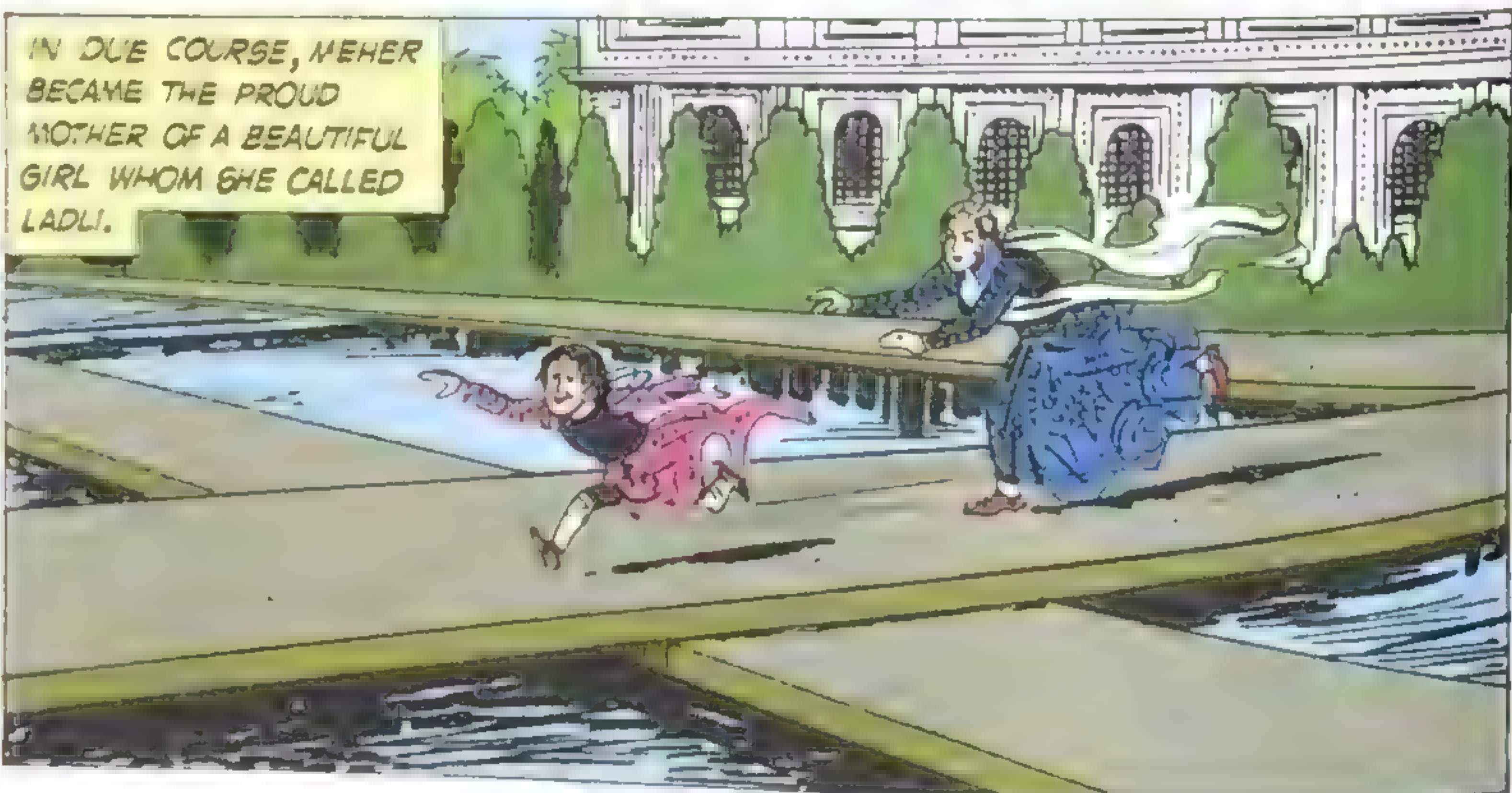
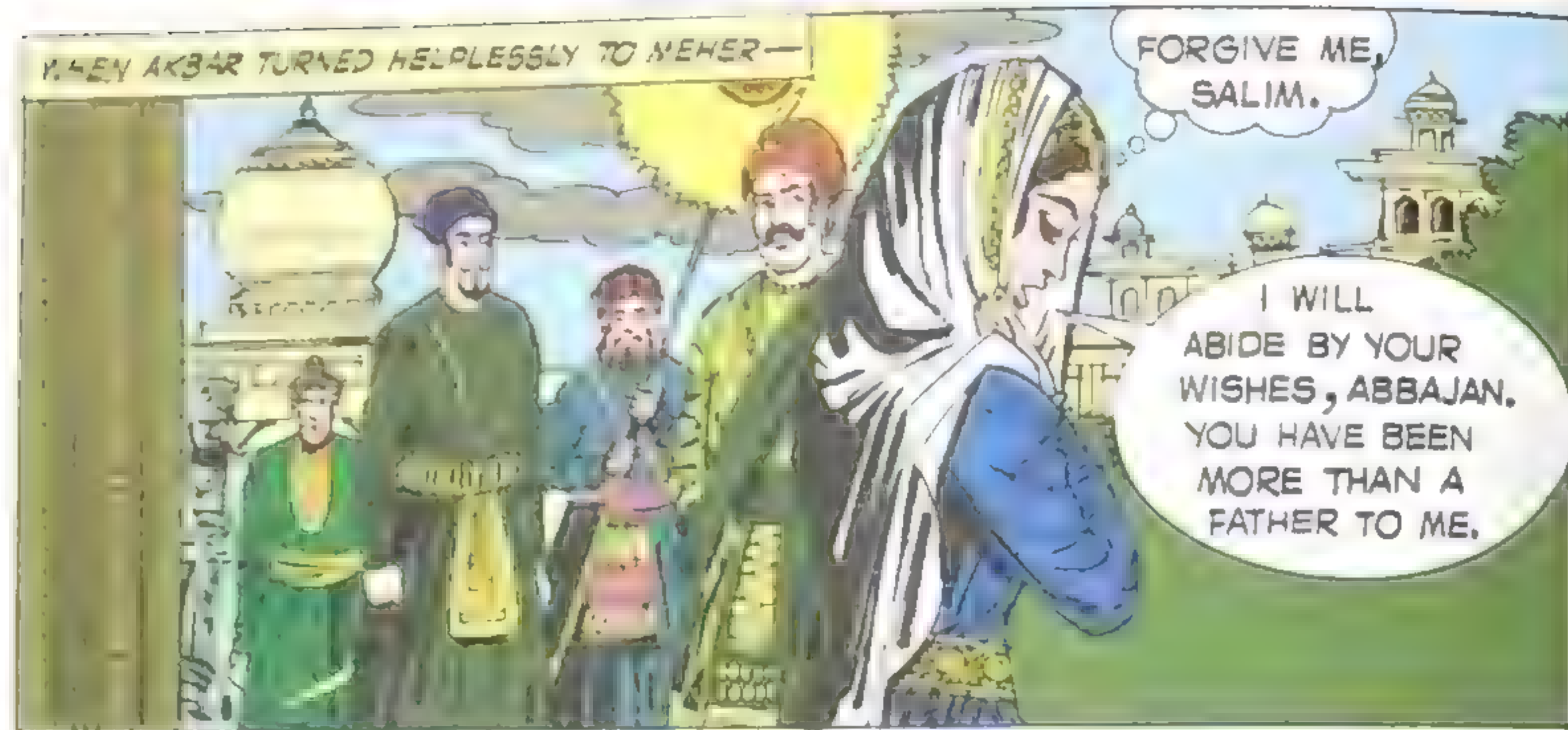








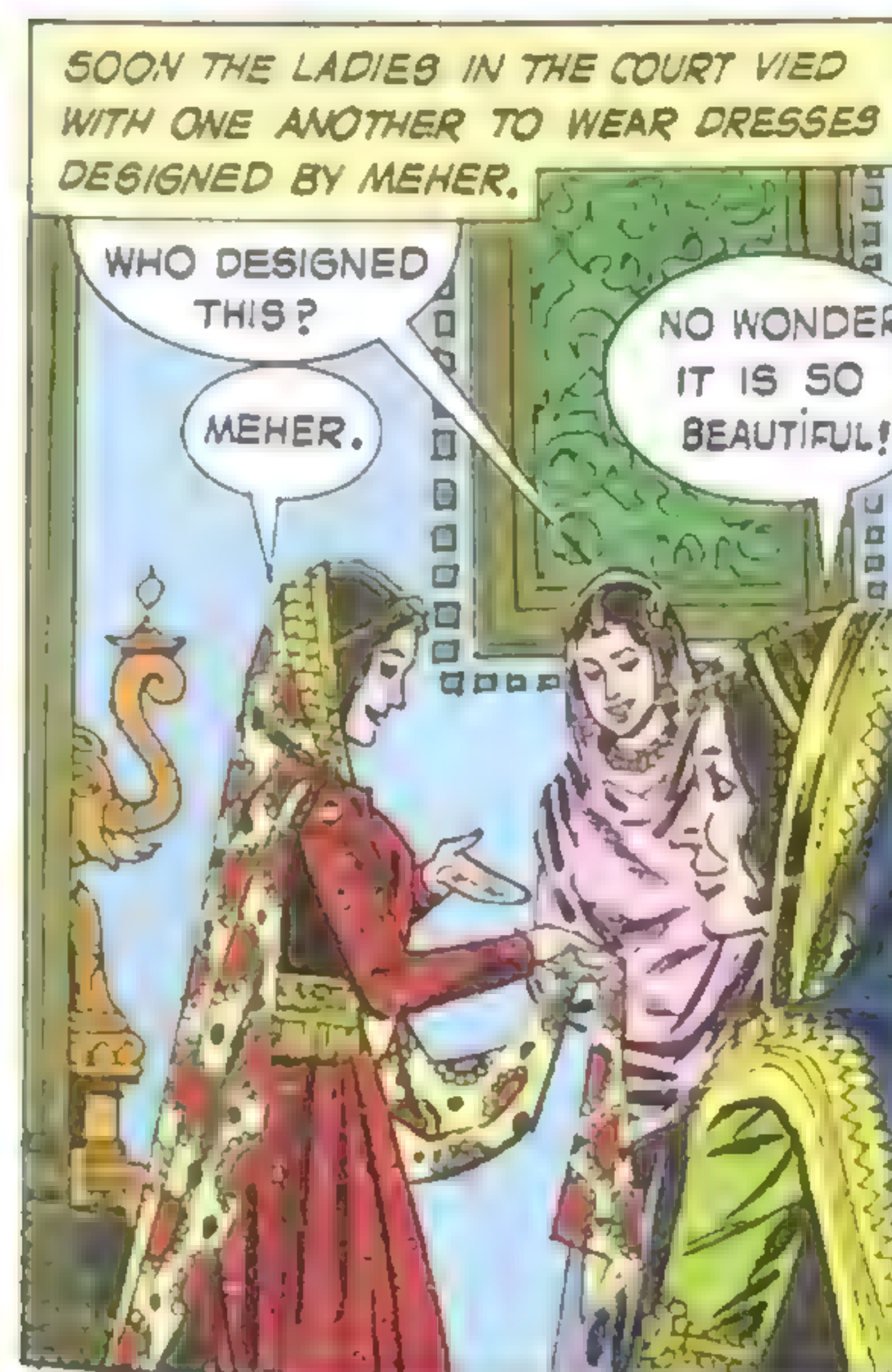
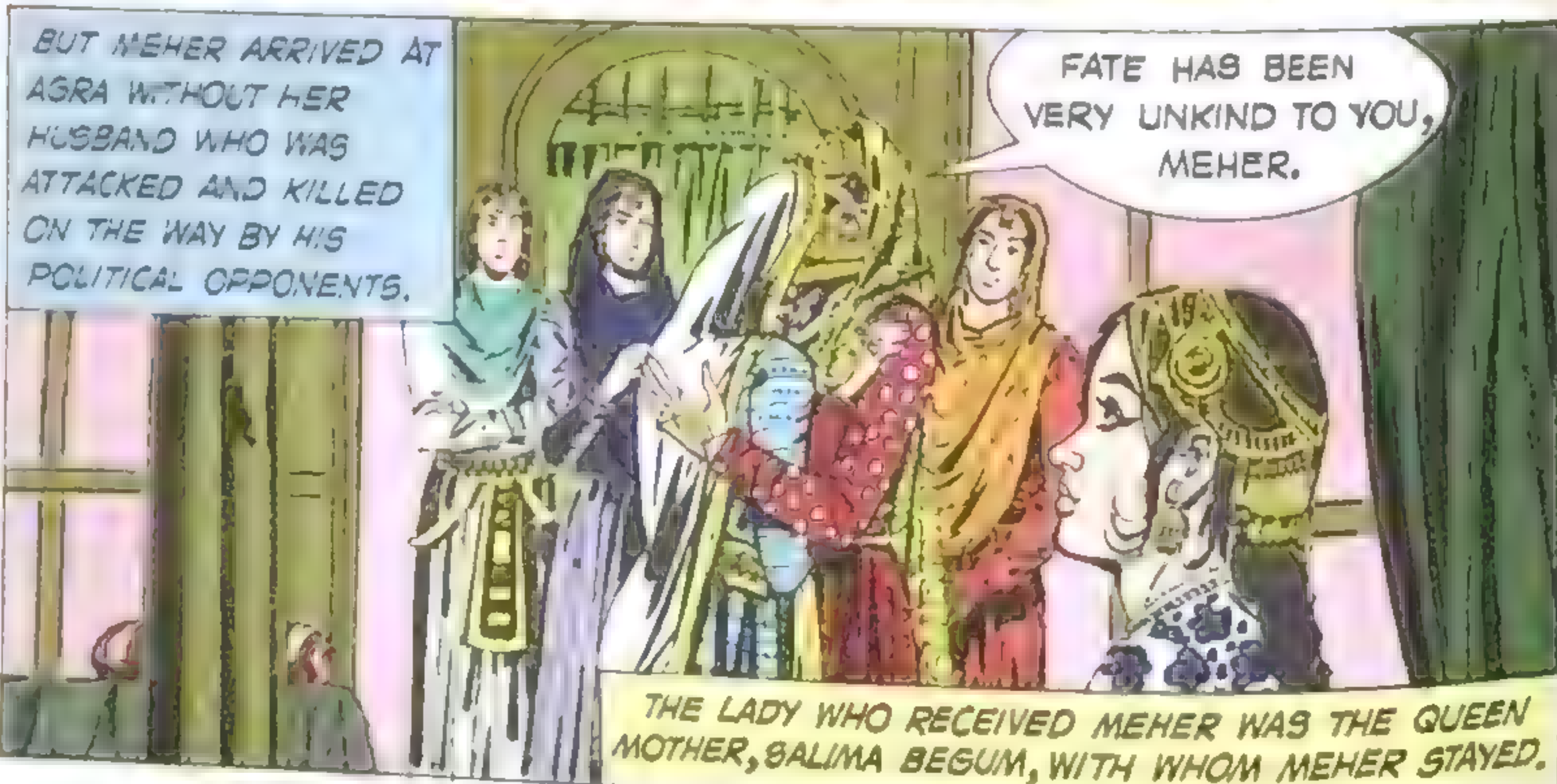






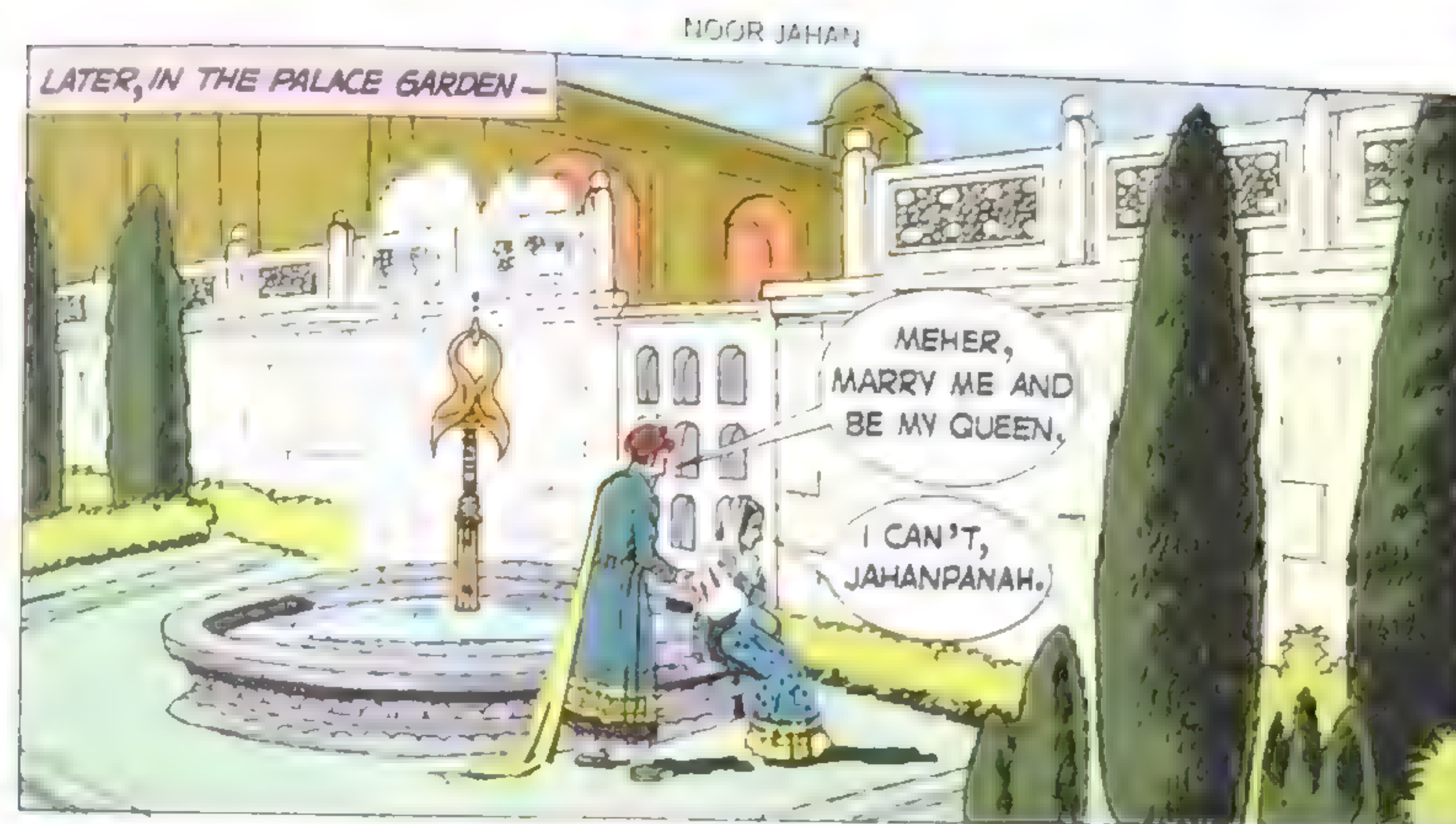


FINALLY, MEHER AGREED AND SHER ARGHAN LEFT FOR AGRA WITH HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER.

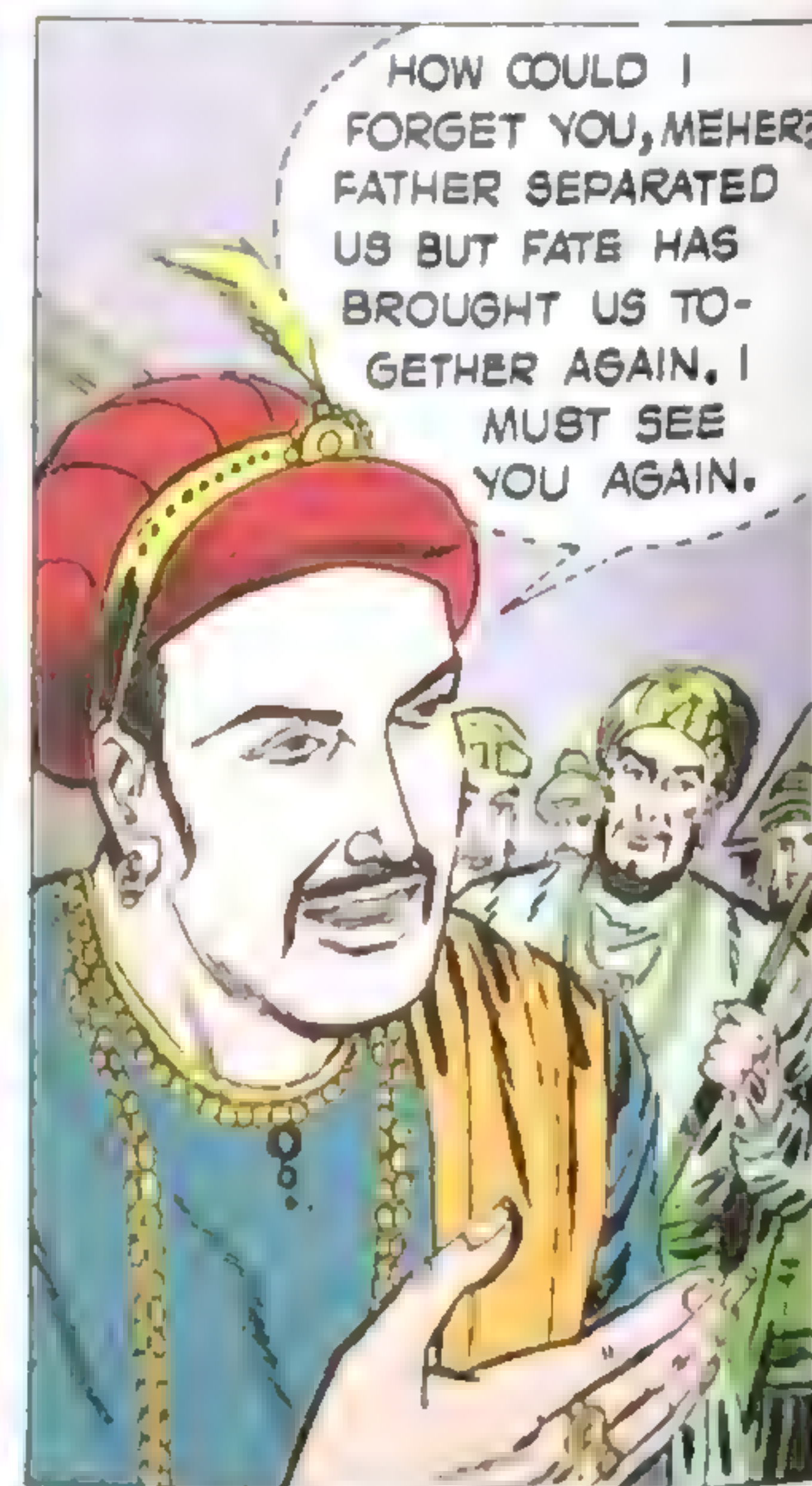
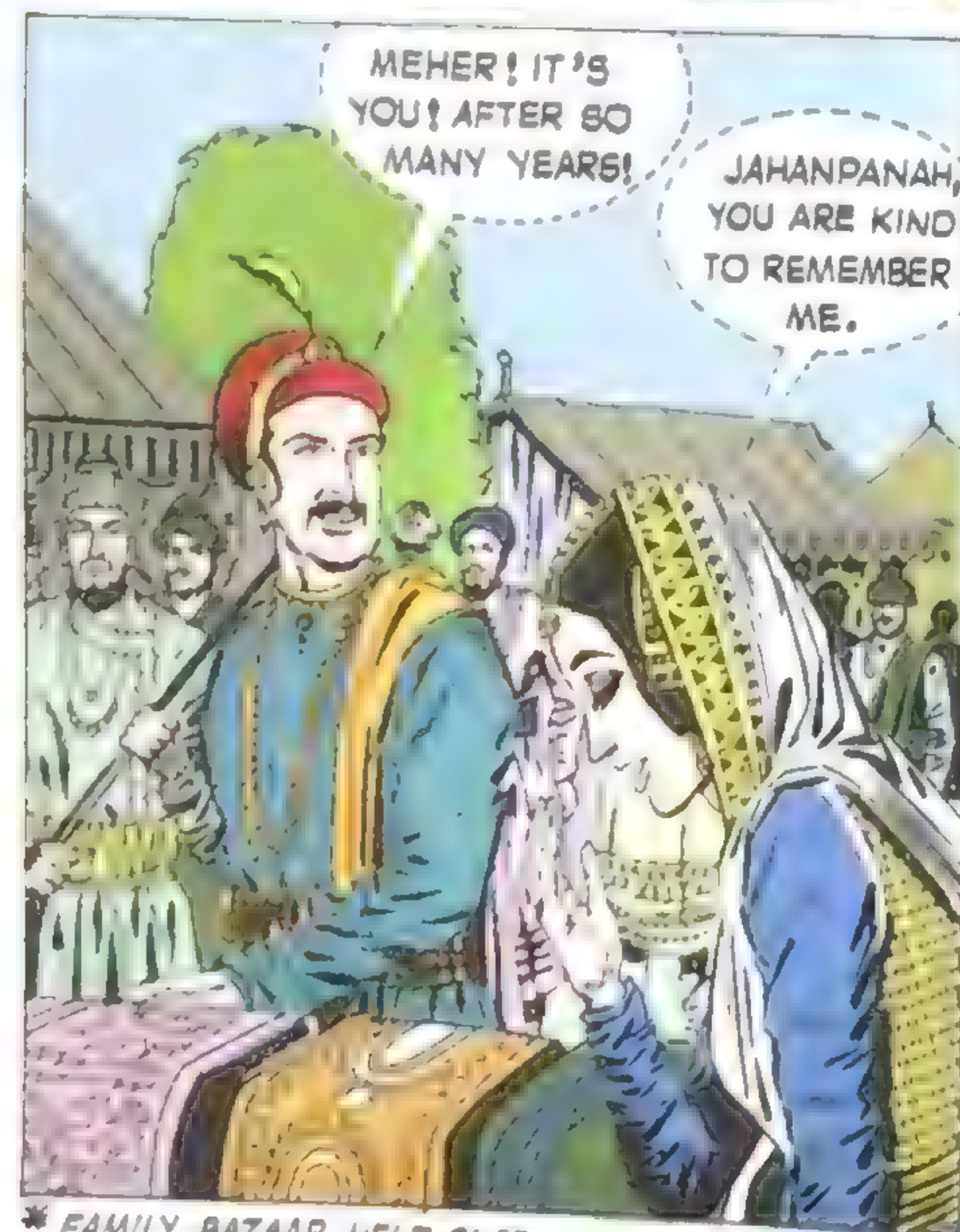
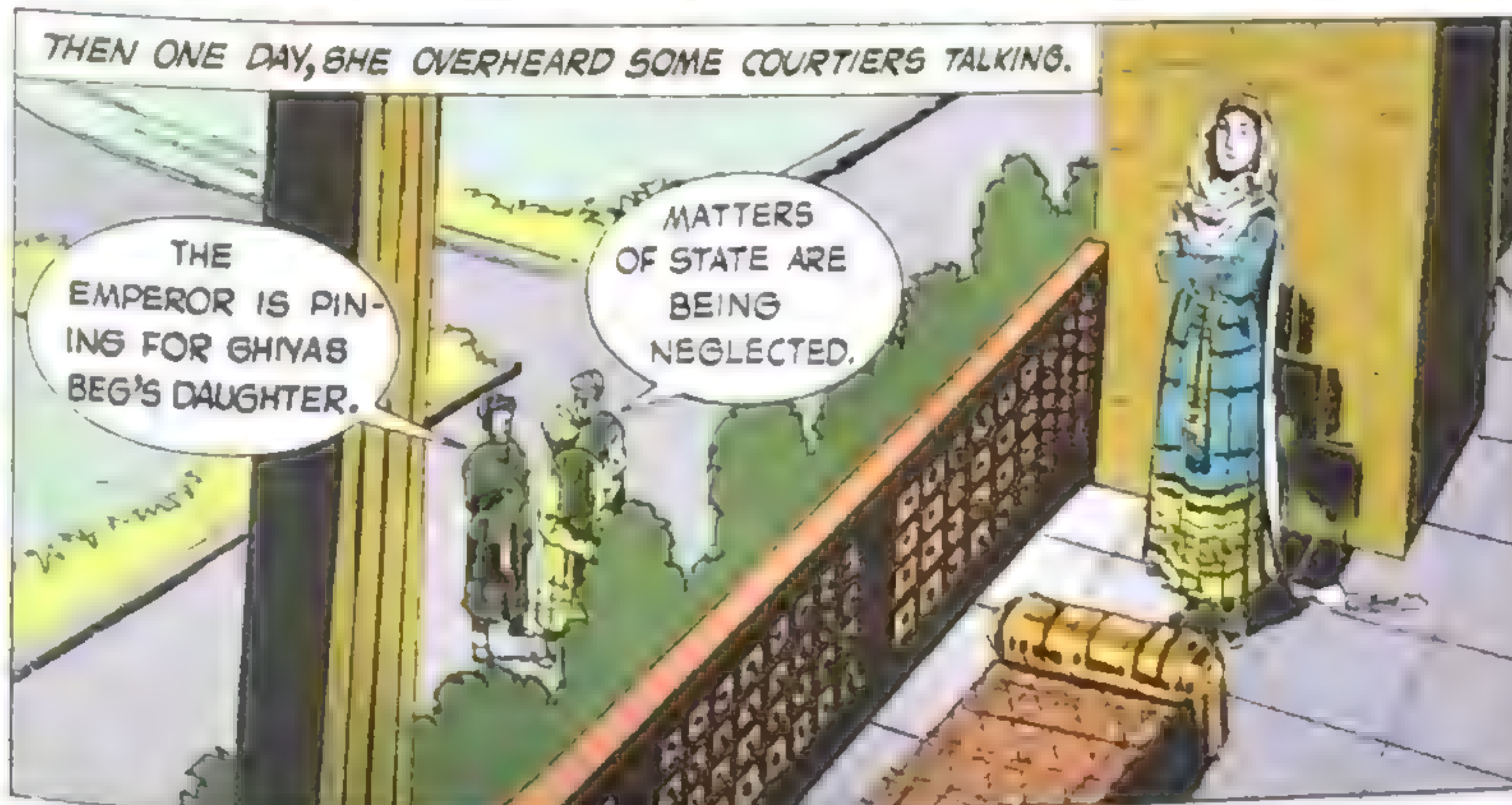
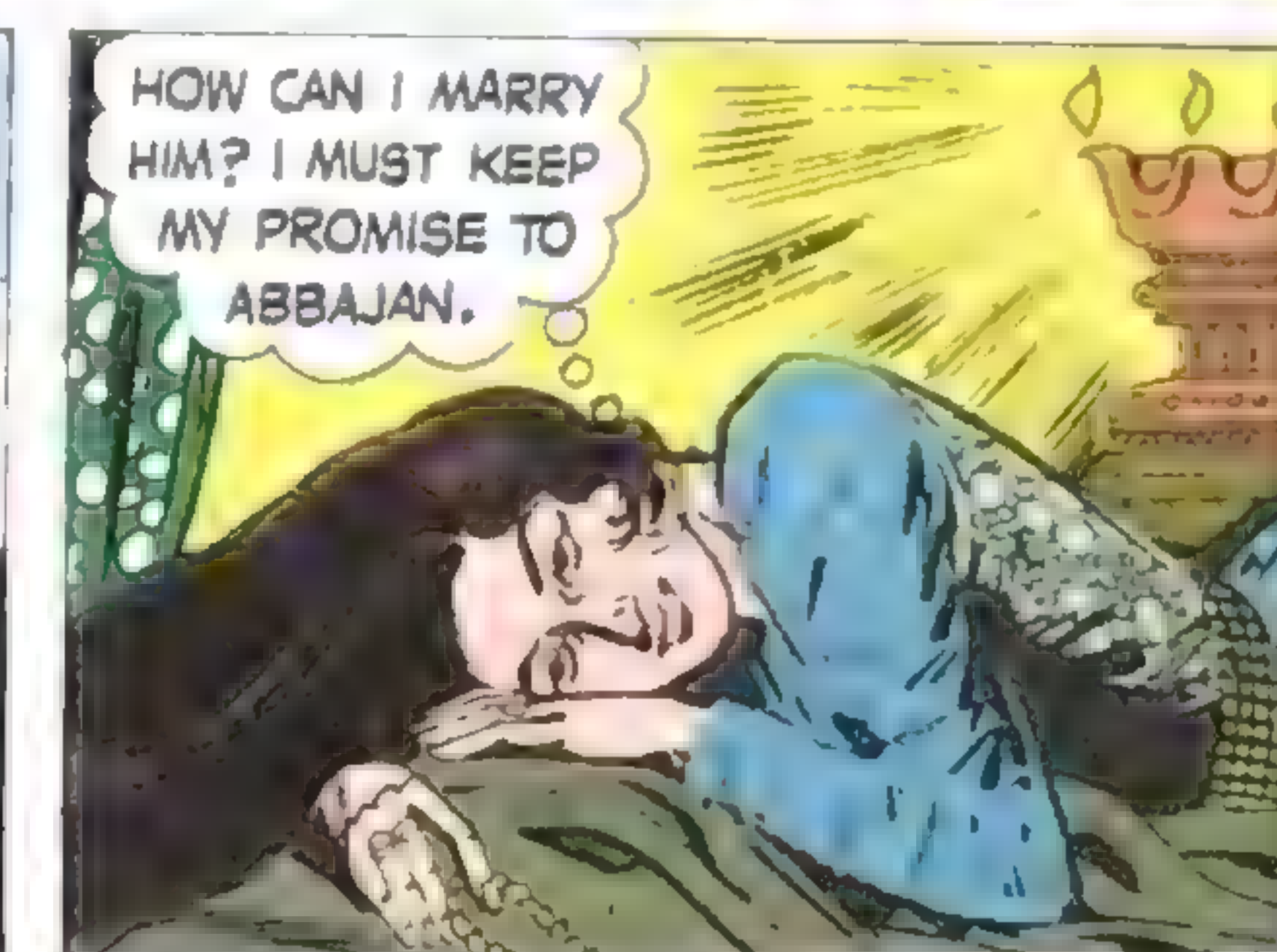
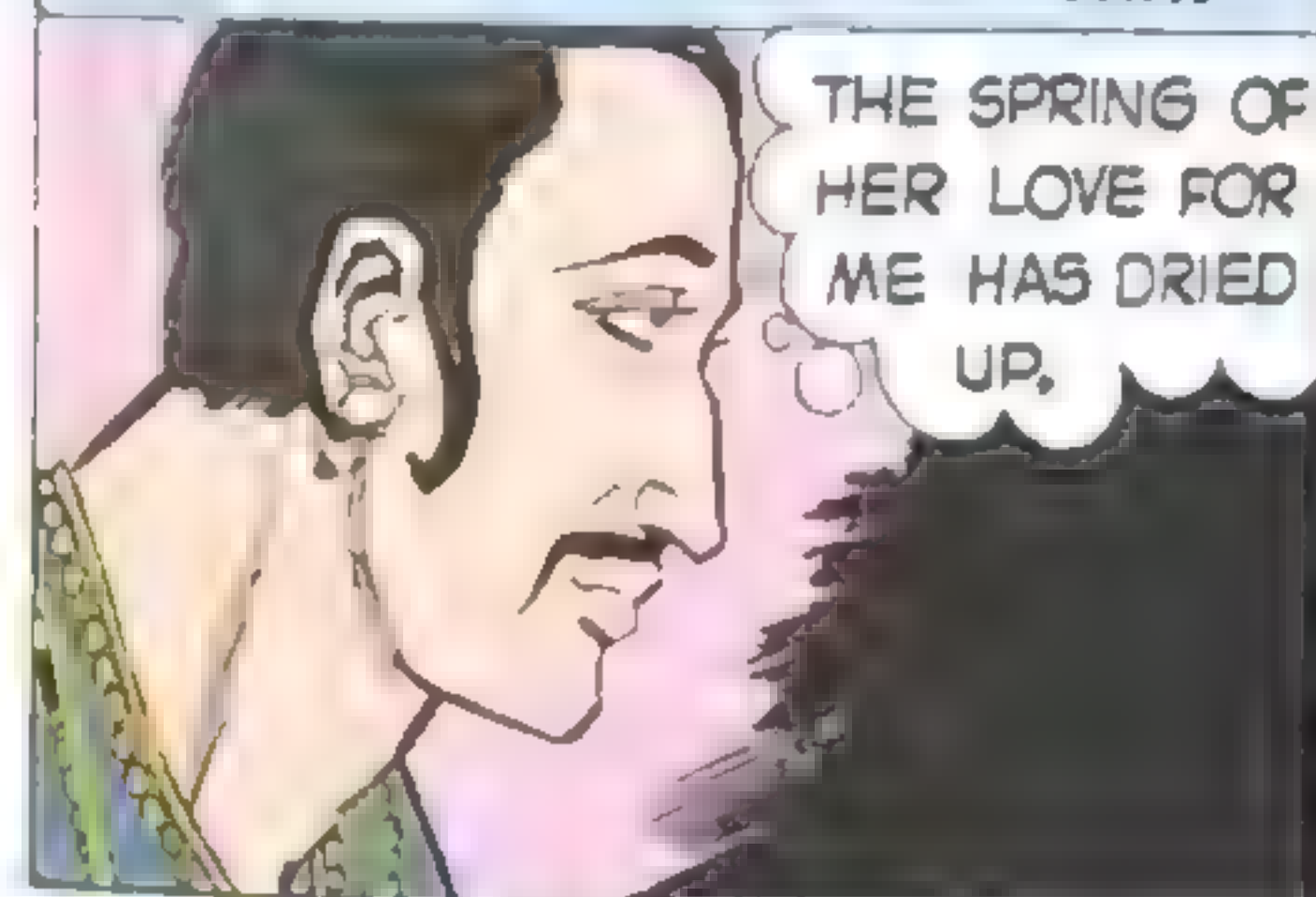


\* AN ORIENTAL PERFUME





JAHANGIR REPEATEDLY BEGGED  
MEHER TO MARRY HIM AND EACH TIME  
MEHER GENTLY TURNED HIM DOWN.



\* FAMILY BAZAAR HELD ONCE A YEAR, AT THE PALACE.





\* SUPERINTENDENT OF THE ROYAL HOUSEHOLD.

